Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

High Schools			College		
Scholar-ship	*Stipend*	*Prizes*	*Scholar-ship*	*Stipend*	*Prizes*
49	26	Nil.	14	5	Nil.
19	80	Nil.	10	5	Nil.
7	22	Nil.	..	5	Nil.
..	2	Nil.	..	1	Nil.

The figures furnished above relate to the academic year 1118—1119.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I understand that the 49 scholarships mentioned in the answer is intended for those who have taken Sanskrit?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No, that is not the question. The question is, how many, who have taken Sanskrit as their second language have obtained scholarship? It so happened that in the eligibility people who ranked high are those who have taken Sanskrit as the second language. They are not specially reserved for people who take Sanskrit as second language.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Why was not the answer given to No. 4? Now the total alone is given.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 have not been marked here. That is the only omission. I am sorry.

STORAGE OF WATER—MULLURKAYAL SCHEME

147. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Department of Agriculture has not reported to Government against the suggestion of storage of water involved in the Mullurkayal scheme;

(*b*) whether reference was made to the Present Director of Agriculture on it, and if not, why not;

(*c*) whether Government will not be best advised to have the Director of Agriculture along with the Special Officer on the committee to advise Government on the schemes and the proposals?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No. The scheme consists only of storing water for the cultivation of kole crops. The scheme had been prepared by the Chief Engineer and no reference to the Director of Agriculture is necessary.

(*c*) It is not understood what committee is referred to in the question.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know Sir, whether the Government is aware of a Kole Committee?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether it is the case of the Government that the Director of Agriculture is not one who can be consulted upon the question of sustaining the crops and preserving them from drought?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Member has misunderstood the position. The scheme for storing water at Mullurkayal was prepared for the purpose of irrigating the Kole lands. For computing the area required for the storage of water and the method of storing water, I do not think that the help of the Director of Agriculture is necessary.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the matter was ever referred to the Agricultural Department?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether this storage of water for the purpose of kole cultivation has any adverse reaction upon the growth of paddy in that area?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There is no adverse action as far as we know.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* My we know Sir, the extent of land on which water is stored?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The extent of land which is submerged on account of storage of water consists of about 700 acres of kole lands and 200 acres of Mundakan lands.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Are the Government in a position, Sir to say what approximately was the yield from this 200 acres of Mundakan lands per year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is about ten-fold per para.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will not this Mundakan land be cultivated again?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know Sir, whether it is not a fact that Government has paid compensation for about 30,000 and odd paras of paddy towards the loss of crops last year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes. For crops which have not been raised in the storage area.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Is it not considered to be a deep loss in the light of the fact that food situation is so grave ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It is not so at all. By the storage of water in Mullurkayal it has been possible to insure against drought on 15,000 acres of rice fields. Considered in this light the money spent for the compensation as well as for the pumping of water should not be considered as a loss.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Is it thought by Government that compensation in money is sufficient compensation for the agriculturists who are really cultivating this land before ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: This storage of water in Mullurkayal is meant to ensure against any drought on a vast area of 15,000 acres of rice fields. If by any chance there occurs drought in the Kole lands we would have been sorry that we had not enough water for irrigating these lands at that time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know Sir, whether the Government are aware that out of this 200 and odd acres of Mundakan lands a large portion was not being cultivated with double crop ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ൨൦൦-ൽ ചിലഭാഗം ഏക്കർസ്ഥലം മുണ്ടകകൃഷി മുഴവൻ നശിച്ചുപോയതായി ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനറിയാമൊ ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: In fact the reverse has been the case.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : മുള്ളർകായലിൽ വെള്ളം കയറിനിറുത്തിയ സ്ഥലത്തിനു് കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലം എത്ര ഉറുപ്പിക ആ നിലമുടമസ്ഥന്മാക്ക കോമ്പൻസേഷൻ (compensation) കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു് ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: കോമ്പൻസേഷൻ (compensation) കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. There was no loss for Mundakan lands on account of storage of water in Mullurkayal.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: എത്രായിരം ഉറുപ്പികയാണു് കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: About Rs. 40,000.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ സംഖ്യ കുണിയുടമസ്ഥനൊ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടൊ വഹിക്കുന്നതു് ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is a cess intended to be levied from the Kole cultivators in the area of 16,000 acres which is intended to be benefited. They have to contribute a cess of Rs. 3 or so per acre.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : മുള്ളർകായലിൽ വെള്ളം കയറിനിറുത്തുന്നതു് ഏതെല്ലാം കോൾപടവുകളിൽക്കുടിയാണു് ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The whole of the Kole land south of the Mullurkayal bund is to be irrigated by the water which is to be stored in that place and the principle is that at the sacrifice of a small area extraordinary benefit is expected to be derived for the bigger area. This is one of the things which has to be taken into consideration in starting a scheme of this type

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : തെക്കൻപ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ ഉള്ള കോളുകൾക്ക. ഉപകാരമില്ലാത്ത സ്ഥിതിക്ക അവരുടെ പക്കൽനിന്നു ഇതിലേക്ക പണംപിരിക്കുമോ ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: If the water is not used to the southernmost extremity it will not be.....

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether those who have been cultivating Mundakan crops were unable to cultivate Mundakan crops because of the floods due to the storage of this water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The pumping of water in Mullurkayal was started only by the 25th of Dhanu this year and so this has not caused any damage to Mundakan lands which have been harvested by that time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know whether the cultivators were given compensation in shape of paddy or in the shape of money?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It was given in the shape of money at the commutation value of paddy.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Should they not get paddy? They are not cultivating their lands and are they not expected to be given paddy instead of money?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Compensation is always given in money.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the difficulty in consulting the Director of Agriculture? The Agricultural Director is the competent authority and you are storing water for cultivating the Kole crop. What is the difficulty in consulting him?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There is no objection in taking advice. In the matter of irrigation and storage of water it has not been the practice to definitely ask the Agricultural Department, for consultation.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : കോൾസംരക്ഷണത്തിനുവേണ്ടി വെള്ളംകയറാറിനിറുത്തുമ്പോൾ ആ വെള്ളം കയറാറിനിറുത്തുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തിനുള്ള പാട്ടം നെല്ലാട്ടമായിട്ട കോൾക്കാരുടെ പക്കൽനിന്നും വാങ്ങി ക്കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു സാധിക്കുമൊ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is what I stated. Compensation is always paid in money.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : പാട്ടം നെല്ലാട്ടമായിട്ട കൊടുത്തുകൂടെ എന്നാണ് ചോദിക്കുന്നതു?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is no necessity. It is not a return of pattam that is given. They are compensated for the damage to which they are put by their not having been allowed to raise crop in their lands. This is the normal case.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Can the Government give at least sufficient paddy for their meals?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* They are given ration cards.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Those people are cultivators. They will get more paddy if they cultivate. Why not they be given at least that privilege?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Compensation is always paid in money.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : മറെറ നിലത്തിൽ നെല്ല കൂടുതലുണ്ടാകുവാൻ വേണ്ടിയാണ് ഈ നിലത്തിൽ വെള്ളം കയറാറിനിറുത്തുന്നതു. അതിനു അവർക്ക് നെല്ലാട്ടം കൊടുത്തുകൂടെ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* For the purpose of rationing whether these people should be regarded as cultivators for the reason that they have been deprived of the right to cultivate is a matter for another deparment. The suggestion has come and Government will consider.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : ഒരു പറ നിലത്തിൽ പത്തുപറ നെല്ലുണ്ടാകുമെന്നു ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ പറഞ്ഞു.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The Kole crop can never be raised because by the time the Kole crop is about to be raised we pump in water. So far as the Mundakan crop is concerned, it is raised in the month of Chingam and it is harvested in Dhanu; and if the harvest is not allowed to be completed or if the crop is to any extent damaged by water being allowed to enter a little before the harvest there to that extent they are compensated. Therefore, so far as the Mundakan crop is concerned, compansation is given for the damage done to the crop to any extent to which damage is done. So far as the Kole crop is concerned full compensation is given because they are not allowed to raise the crop.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has any application been received by the Government to pay these compensation in kind?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishaker):* Not to my knowledge. I am of course subject to correction. I must scrutinise all the compansation claims. There are about 400 or 500 of such claims.

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